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CHARLES R. TIEFENTHALER; SENATOR FRANK CHURCH- VICTIM;  
CONGRESSIONAL ASSASSINATION STATUTE (A), OO: BUTTE.

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ON DECEMBER 4, 1978, [REDACTED] VETERAN'S SERVICE  
OFFICER, VETERAN'S ADMINISTRATION, BOISE, IDAHO, ADVISED  
CHARLES R. TIEFENTHALER HAS VISITED THAT OFFICE FREQUENTLY  
IN AN EFFORT TO HAVE SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITIES  
INCREASED FROM 12-PERCENT TO 103-PERCENT. SUBJECT SERVED  
U. S. MARINE CORPS FROM 1944 TO 1946 AND RECEIVED 10-PERCENT  
DISABILITY FOR ABDOMINAL SHRAPNEL WOUNDS AND RECEIVES  
\$44.00 MONTHLY COMPENSATION. HE HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN DENIED  
SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY FOR SCHIZOPHRENIA, HEADACHES,  
RHINITIS, BACK, HIP, LEG, ARTHRITIS, STOMACH, HER NIA,  
HEARING, VARICOSE VEINS, AND NERVOUS CONDITION.

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SUBJECT HAS A SEVERE MENTAL PROBLEM, DIAGNOSED 70-PERCENT SCHIZOPHRENIA, AND AS A RESULT WAS AWARDED TOTAL DISABILITY BENEFITS, NON-SERVICE CONNECTED, AND PAID A PENSION FROM 1971 TO 1975. FROM 1976 TO PRESENT HIS 10-PERCENT SERVICE CONNECTED COMPENSATION WAS THE HIGHER BENEFIT PAYABLE.

VETERAN'S ADMINISTRATION BENEFIT'S COUNSELOR CONTACTED SUBJECT TO DETERMINE STATE OF INCOME - NET WORTH. DURING INTERVIEW SUBJECT BECAME UPSET, VERY IRATE, AND SAID HE WAS GOING TO MURDER SENATOR CHURCH AND OTHERS, PERHAPS A BUNCH OF L7, L8 AND L9-YEAR-OLDS AND THROW THEIR BODIES ON THE STATE CAPITAL STEPS. SUBJECT THEREAFTER INTERVIEWED BY VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICER AT WHICH TIME SUBJECT BROKE DOWN AND CRIED.

SUBJECT DESCRIBED WM, DOB AUGUST 24, 1924, 5'12", 162 POUNDS, GRAY HAIR, BLUE EYES. SSAN 517-16-5355, VETERAN'S CLAIM NUMBER 9188413, DIVORCED, RESIDENCE IDAHO SOLDIER'S HOME, BOISE, IDAHO.

U. S. SECRET SERVICE, SENATOR CHURCH'S FIELD OFFICE, USA, AND PD ALL AT BOISE, IDAHO, NOTIFIED LOCALLY.

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U. S. SECRET SERVICE ADVISED FBI INVESTIGATION  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, BUTTE (89-168) (C)  
 SUBJECT: CHARLES R. TIEFENTHALER;  
 Senator FRANK CHURCH - VICTIM  
 CONGRESSIONAL ASSASSINATION STATUTE (A)  
 OO: Butte

Re Butte teletype to the Bureau, 12/5/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and five copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination.

LHM has been disseminated locally to U. S. Secret Service and U. S. Attorney.

No further investigation is being conducted by the Butte Division, UACB.

SUBJECT HAS THREATENED U. S. OFFICIALS AND HAS SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY FOR SCHIZOPHRENIA.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Butte, Montana 59701  
December 13, 1978

**CHARLES R. TIEFENTHALER;  
SENATOR FRANK CHURCH - VICTIM  
CONGRESSIONAL ASSASSINATION STATUTE**

On December 4, 1978, [redacted] Veterans Service Officer, Veterans Administration (VA), U. S. Court House and Federal Building, 550 West Fort Street, Boise, Idaho, advised that CHARLES R. TIEFENTHALER has previously been a frequent visitor to the VA Office, San Francisco, California. He has visited the Boise VA Office frequently since approximately September, 1978, and his official records were forwarded from San Francisco and were received at Boise, Idaho, Office on December 1, 1978.

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TIEFENTHALER served in the U. S. Marine Corps from June 19, 1944, to June 5, 1946. He presently qualifies for 10% service connected disability, due to shrapnel wounds in the abdomen, and receives \$44.00 monthly compensation. He previously had been denied service connected disability for schizophrenia, headaches, rhinitis, back, hip, leg, arthritis, stomach, hernia, hearing, varicose veins, and nervous conditions.

[redacted] advised that TIEFENTHALER has a severe mental problem diagnosed 70% schizophrenia, and as a result was awarded total disability benefits, non-service connected, and paid a pension from 1971 to 1975. From 1976 to the present, his 10% service connected compensation was the higher benefit payable. TIEFENTHALER's nervous problem first appeared in 1962. Service connection for this condition was denied since there was no evidence that it had been service incurred, nor was there any evidence of continuity from discharge to date of onset.

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CHARLES R. TIEFENTHALER

On December 1, 1978, VA Benefit Counselor contacted TIEFENTHALER to determine the state of income - net worth. During interview, TIEFENTHALER became upset, very irate, and said he was going to murder U. S. Senator CHURCH, District of Idaho, and others, perhaps a bunch of 17, 18, and 19-year-olds and throw their bodies on the steps of the State Capitol. TIEFENTHALER was subsequently interviewed by [redacted] VA Service Officer, during which time he broke down, cried, and expressed remorse for his statement concerning Senator CHURCH and others. In view of TIEFENTHALER's documented psychiatric condition, he has been advised to deal only with [redacted] Veterans Service Officer.

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On December 4, 1978, [redacted] U. S. Secret Service (USSS), Boise, Idaho, advised TIEFENTHALER had been the subject of an investigation by the USSS as a result of a threatening letter directed to President CARTER in December, 1977. [redacted] was advised no investigation into this matter was being initiated by the FBI.

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On December 4, 1978, [redacted] Senator FRANK CHURCH's office, Boise, Idaho, advised they received a letter from TIEFENTHALER during July, 1978, requesting assistance and intercession of Mr. CHURCH with the VA in an attempt to acquire 100% service connected disability. This letter was misplaced and a letter [redacted] acknowledging receipt was not sent to TIEFENTHALER. [redacted] feels this may have precipitated the threat by TIEFENTHALER against Senator CHURCH.

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On December 5, 1978, the facts of this matter were made known to the U. S. Attorney's Office, Boise, Idaho, and local law enforcement officials, Boise, Idaho.

The following description of TIEFENTHALER was obtained from the records of the VA Office, Boise, Idaho:

Name	CHARLES R. TIEFENTHALER
Address	Idaho Veterans Home, 320 Collins Road, Boise, Idaho
Race	White

CHARLES R. TIEFENTHALER

Sex	Male
Date of Birth	August 24, 1924
Place of Birth	Butte, Montana
Social Security Account	#517-16-5355
Height	71 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "
Weight	162 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Scars	Numerous abdominal scars
Complexion	Ruddy
Military Service	U. S. Marine Corps, June 19, 1944 - June 5, 1946

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AND HAS SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY FOR SCHIZOPHRENIA.